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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE FROM AMBASSADOR ALSTON

EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: AFSP AS
SUBJECT: REDUCTION OF CONSTITUENT POSTS

REF: STATE 187933

1. CLOSING BRISBANE WILL IN MY OPINION CAUSE LESS DAMAGE TO THIS EMBASSY AND TO OUR RELATIONS WITH GOA THAN WOULD CLOSING PERTH.

2. ALLOW ME TO VOLUNTEER THE OPINION THAT THE PRESIDENT IS ON SOUND GROUND HERE. GIVEN THE MANDATE TO REDUCE THE COST OF GOVERNMENT AND BASED ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT DOS WOULD BE ASKED TO PLAY A ROLE AND REDUCE ITS STAFF IN LINE WITH OTHER DEPARTMENTS, CLOSING A CONSTITUENT POST IN AUSTRALIA IS VERY MUCH IN ORDER.

3. THE POSSIBILITY OF CLOSING A POST HAD BEEN THE SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION, AND I REGRET NOT HAVING INITIATED THE IDEA.

4. WHILE THE SAVINGS WILL BE MINIMAL, I NOW RECOMMEND IN THE LIGHT OF PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES THAT THOUGHT BE GIVEN TO DISCONTINUING THE CONSULAR AGENCY IN ADELAIDE.

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SUCH ACTION WOULD HAVE MY CONCURRENCE.
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